PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68586

Junko KUDO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/076,448

Group Art Unit: 1624

Confirmation No.: 9880

Examiner: Emily B. Bernhardt

Filed: February 19, 2002

For:

OPTICALLY ACTIVE 4-(TERT-BUTOXYCARBONYL) PIPERAZINE COMPOUND,

AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 11, 2003 to April 12, 2004 (April 11, 2004 being a Sunday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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